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## Obituaries

### Herschel M. Tiger

Herschel M. Tiger was born in Kyleville, Oklahoma on August 18, 1931 and departed this life in Tulsa, Oklahoma on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at the age of 80 years.

Herschel was the son of Elba and Florence (Conger) Tiger. Herschel was a resident of Stroud most of his life. He was in the United States Army where he served in the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the VFW and American Legion in Cushing and worked as a welder. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and two brothers. Survivors include, one son, Randall Tiger of Cushing, OK, one daughter, Cheryl Tiger of Cushing, OK, three sisters, Yvonne Goodeagle of Cushing, OK, Dorothy Tiger of Albuquerque, NM, Corrine Tsoodle of Cushing, OK, two grandchildren, Caleb Henry Tiger of Pawnee, OK, Ashtin Tiger of Pawnee, OK, other relatives and friends.

Wake service was held at the Sac & Fox Community Building on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. Burial was at the Tiger Family Cemetery on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Stroud, Oklahoma.



*Herschel M. Tiger*

### Gerald Lynn Fixico

Gerald Fixico, 54 of Broken Arrow, OK passed away at his home on Sunday December 18, 2011. He was born on September 15, 1957 in Shawnee, OK and was an enrolled member of the Sac and Fox tribe and was also of Shawnee, Muscogee Creek and Seminole heritage.

Gerald was a resident of Oklahoma for most of his life and attended Rogers High School where he excelled in athletics; he played basketball, baseball, and football for the Rogers Ropers. In his early adult life he excelled at tennis and frequently won local tournaments. Gerald was known for his broad smile and sense of humor. For most of his adult life he worked as a car salesman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Virginia (Wakolee) Fixico and a brother, Ronald Fixico.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Thetford of the home in Broken Arrow; son, Daniel Joe Fixico of Tulsa, OK; daughter, Vanessa Halwag of Provo, UT; brother, Donald Fixico of Mesa, AZ; sister, Joanna Fixico of Sapulpa, OK; and 1 grandson.

Viewing and Visitation was held on Wednesday, December 21st at Gary Kelley's Add'vantage Funeral Service located at 9761 E 31st St., Tulsa (918) 624-2828. The chapel service was led by Rev. J.R. Wisdom on Thursday, December 22 at the funeral home. The interment was at the Wakolee Cemetery near Stroud, OK.



*Gerald Lynn Fixico*

### Alice Marguerite Grant

Alice Marguerite Grant was born in Avery, Oklahoma on August 29, 1918 and departed this life on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 in Stillwater, Oklahoma at the age of 93 years.

Alice was the daughter of Grover and Clara (Falls) Morris. She was a resident of Stroud most of her life. She was a member of the Only Way Baptist Church and worked as a dietitian. She was a member of the Sac & Fox Nation. She married Elmer H. Grant in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 21, 1960 and he preceded her in death February 9, 1982. She was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, Kenneth, 6 brothers and 4 sisters. Survivors include, one daughter, Jellene Factor of Stroud, OK, one sister, Viola Prewitt of Stroud, OK, five grandchildren, Kenneth Miller Jr., Kimberly Miller, Jared King, Jacklyn Williams and Jeremiah "Bull" King; sixteen great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Stroud, Oklahoma on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. Jimmy Anderson officiating. Burial was in the Stroud Cemetery under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Stroud, Oklahoma.



*Alice Marguerite Grant*

### Justin Kelly Bass

Justin Kelly Bass, a longtime Cushing area resident, passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2011 at the age of 20 years.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Palmer Marler Funeral Home in Cushing, OK.

Tribal Sac & Fox Burial Rites was held on Monday evening at the First Indian Baptist Church, Cushing, OK. Burial was held immediately following the completion of the tribal rights on Tuesday morning in the Hunter Cemetery, Cushing, OK.

Justin was born on September 10, 1991 in Cushing, OK. He was raised mostly in Cushing and Salina, OK. He enjoyed eating, playing video games, and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his father, Gerald Bass; three sisters, Kerri Hysaw, Sarah Cox, and Cheyenne Bass; two brothers, Wyatt Bass and Braden Bass; five aunts, Jane Bass, Sue Bass, Judy Fields, Debbie Primeaux, and Nellie Yarholer; six uncles, Eric Bass, Dewey Bass, Joey Bass, Sammy Bass, Monty Bass, and Bobby Blue; three nieces, Natalia Hysaw, Timbraly Shadowen, and Daleighsya Bass; three nephews, Hayden Taylor, Isaiah Hysaw, and Tylan Bass; 22 cousins, Jordan, Jared, Jessica, Julianne, Ashley, Clint, Clay, Adri, Carlos, Andi, Graham, Courtney, Jo Jo, Jacob, Holly, Eilene, Tommy, Wesley, Monica, Chebon, Miaha, and Cheyenne; and other relatives and friends.

Justin was preceded in death by his mother, Peggy Blue; grandparents, Earline Webb, Floyd Blue, Lee Bass, Jr., and Lillian Bass; one aunt, Gena Wesley; and one uncle, Ricky Pratt.



*Justin Kelly Bass*

### Claudette Kay O'Dell

Claudette Kay O'Dell, 68 years, of Monroe, MI, passed away on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 4:15 PM in her home surrounded by her loving family and under the care of Mercy Memorial Hospice of Monroe. Kay had been in declining health for 1 year and seriously ill for the past 3 weeks.

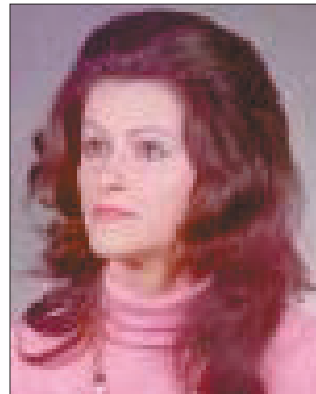
Born November 17, 1943 in Bunch, OK, Kay was the daughter of the late Jesse and Juanita (Longshore) Monday. The family moved to Monroe in 1946. Kay attended Monroe Public Schools and was a 1961 graduate of Monroe High School.

On July 8, 1961 in Monroe, Kay married her beloved husband Bob W. O'Dell. Kay was employed as a secretary by the State of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources division for 30 years. She retired in July of 1997.

Kay enjoyed genealogy, crocheting and reading. She especially enjoyed reading Stephen King novels as she enjoyed mysteries and crime stories. Kay was also a member of the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma

Nothing brought Kay more joy than her family especially her grandchildren. Kay is survived by her loving husband of 50 years; Bob W. O'Dell, her loving son Robert B. O'Dell of Monroe, 2 cherished grandchildren; Tiffani and Tyler, 2 brothers; Donald (Jorda) Monday of Monroe and Clifford (Hattie) Monday of Stilwell, OK and her sister in law and best friend Judy Shinevarre, who cared for her during her last days.

Visitation was on Wednesday, November 23 from 2-8 PM in the Bacarella Funeral Home, 1201 S. Telegraph Rd., in Monroe where funeral services celebrating Kay's life were held on Friday, November 25, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The Rev. Gary Pickrell officiated. Interment followed at Roselawn Memorial Park.



*Claudette Kay O'Dell*

